Supporting and advancing nursing practice through eHealth

**ACENDIO position**

- ACENDIO believes that eHealth allows us to reimagine the health and wellbeing agenda and to redesign our health systems so that they better meet the needs of nurses and the people they care for. We believe that this can only be realized through early meaningful engagement and co-production.
- ACENDIO believes that continuity of care depends on good documentation and we believe that well-designed eHealth systems can support safe, high-quality care, promoting evidence-based practice through improved recall, diagnostic reasoning and clinical decision support.
- ACENDIO believes that eHealth helps nurses deliver the best possible care and realize the best possible health outcomes.

**Background**

eHealth opens up possibilities for new models of care in different settings and with new roles for both nurses and citizens. The use of mobile technology and online resources can connect patients and nurses despite vast distances both in time and space. Their use increases the potential, especially in rural areas, for more responsive emergency care, for public and population health and for more effective home-based care. Electronic health care record systems, augmented with decision support functionality such as alerts and reminders, can support nurses in clinical and diagnostic reasoning, increase the accurate identification of diagnoses, interventions and expected outcomes, and support evaluation of the care provided. The use of technical and practice standards can improve quality and safety.

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